

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 8. This sheet, which includes Fig. 8, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11, and 12 are currently pending in the present application, Claims 2-4 and 6-9 having been amended, Claim 10 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 11 and 12 having been added. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.¹

In the outstanding Office Action, the abstract was objected to as exceeding 150 words in length; the title was objected to as insufficiently descriptive; the Drawings were objected to; Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Applicants' conceded prior art (ACPA) in view of Yamashita, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,384,601, hereinafter "Yamashita"); and Claims 1-9 were allowed.

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-9. The amendments to Claims 2-4 and 6-9 pertain to only matters of form, and do not raise new issues. Furthermore, new Claim 11 is a method claim that recites elements analogous to those of Claim 1. Furthermore, new Claim 12 corresponds to Claim 1, except that the means-plus-function terminology has been removed to indicate that an interpretation under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, is not intended.² Thus, Claims 11 and 12 should be allowable for at least the reasons that Claim 1 is allowable. In addition, the deficiencies in the cited art with respect to Claims 11 and 12 are discussed below.

With respect to the objection to the Title, a new title is provided. Also, a new abstract is provided which is less than 150 words. Accordingly, the objections to the specification are overcome.

¹ Support for new Claims 11 and 12 is found, for example in Applicants' Fig. 1 and Fig. 7.

² Support for new Claim 12 is found, for example, in Applicants' Fig. 1.

With respect to the objection to Fig. 8, this figure is amended to include a label of --
Background Art--. Accordingly, this ground of objection is overcome.

The rejection of Claim 10 is moot in view of its cancellation.

Applicants note that when rejecting Claim 10, the Office Action cites to regions of the specification outside of the Background Art section. The Office should note that this is improper and no admission as to what is prior art should be attributed to the Applicants.

New Claim 11 recites, *inter alia*,

storing, in a memory device, a color convergence parameter value containing position data indicative of a position of a predetermined color in a color-difference plane, correction range setting data for setting to a correction range a predetermined range centered at the position of the predetermined color, and convergence coefficient data for converging a particular color corresponding to the correction range to the position indicative of the predetermined color;

selecting and setting, with a color convergence parameter setting unit, a color convergence parameter value for the corresponding particular color from the memory device on a basis of the image-taking mode information selected by the selecting; and

correcting, with a processor, a particular color in a video signal into the predetermined color on a basis of a correction amount calculated on a basis of the color convergence parameter value.

The combination of ACPA and Yamashita disclose or suggest these features.

ACPA merely states:

Then, a color-difference signal processing circuit 144A of the particular-color signal processing section 140A performs detection of color-difference data from the color-difference signals [Bs-Ys] and [Rs-Ys] transmitted from the signal processing circuit 143A, and transmits the detected color-difference data to the color correction value setting circuit 130A.

Then, the color correction value setting circuit 130A identifies the particular color to be corrected, on the

basis of the image-taking mode information from the image-taking mode selection circuit 120A, reads correction reference data for the particular color from a look-up table, and calculates a color correction value for correcting the particular color into a predetermined color (such as a memory color), on the basis of the read correction reference data for the particular color and the color-difference data transmitted from the color-difference signal processing circuit 144A.³

Thus, ACPA does not disclose or suggest every element of new Claim 11.

Yamashita merely describes that a weighting coefficient setting device 6 determines the weighting coefficient indicating the degree of color adjustment within the color adjustment area.⁴ The weighting coefficient of Yamashita does not disclose or suggest the claimed

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In light of the deficiencies in both the ACPA and Yamashita, Applicants respectfully submit that a person of ordinary skill in the art could not properly combine ACPA and Yamashita to arrive at the invention defined by Claim 11.

In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 11 patentably distinguishes over ACPA and Yamashita, taken alone or in proper combination. Claim 12 recites elements analogous to those of Claim 11. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 12 patentably distinguishes over ACPA and Yamashita, taken alone or in proper combination, for at least the reasons stated for Claim 11.

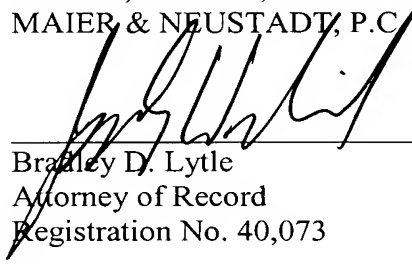
³ Specification, page 3, lines 15-29.

⁴ Yamashita, col. 5, lines 58-60.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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